



April 15, 2015

The Honorable Irene Aguilar
Colorado State Capitol

Hand delivered

Dear Senator Aguilar:

As you are aware, health plans and medical organizations continue to struggle in determining an optimal approach and balance between consumer protection, excessive out-of-network charges, and new narrow network dynamics. These issues are complicated and we believe they require more in-depth interaction and understanding between the affected parties.

We all agree that consumers deserve and need adequate disclosure to understand a provider's network status and potential cost implications. However, complicated billing issues require more critical analysis that cannot be fully completed before the end of session. We respectfully ask that you work with us, consumers, and other interested stakeholders of your choosing to implement a bipartisan interim study that addresses out of network billing and corresponding issues.

We believe the interim study would be most productive if the physicians, health plans, and consumer representatives meet with the assistance of a mutually agreed upon facilitator funded equally by health plans and physicians, and under the auspices of direct and active supervision of the Governor's office. The primary focus and objective shall be addressing the issues arising from out of network services and charges, and other matters pursuant to CRS 10-16-704. The interim study process should consider related matters as time and circumstance permits.

We are committed to devoting the necessary time and resources to produce meaningful and sustainable policy solutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Ben Price
Executive Director, Colorado Association of Health Plans

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Alfred Gilchrist
CEO, Colorado Medical Society